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Dear Mr. Frey:

This is in response to your request for the views of the Central Intelligence Agency on the proposed report of the Department of Transportation on S. 779, the "Intelligence Personnel Protection Act." Unfortunately, we feel we must object to the amendment suggested in this report.

The Department of Transportation is proposing an amendment which would extend the coverage of the legislation to include civilian employees of the intelligence elements of the Coast Guard. Our objection to this addition is in no way intended to reflect a view that such an expansion is unwarranted. Rather it stems from the belief that if this bill is amended to add any other group of officers or employees it will seriously jeopardize enactment of this legislation during the Second Session of this Congress.

As indicated in the Senate Judiciary Committee's Report (see Report No. 98-273, pp. 2-3), S. 779 was reported out of the full Committee on voice vote based on the long history of Congressional consideration of these proposals in both the 96th and 97th Congresses. While legislation dealing with Federal probation and pretrial services officers had previously been considered mainly in the context of revisions to the Federal Criminal Code, Chairman Thurmond's amendment brought it within S. 779. The bill was subsequently passed by unanimous consent. Therefore, our belief is that an amendment to the bill now to include another group of officers or employees not previously considered in this Congress or prior Congresses would serve to undermine the basis upon which this legislation was reported out of the Senate Judiciary Committee without hearings and subsequently passed by the Senate.

As mentioned earlier, this objection does not address the merits of such an amendment, but rather the danger it poses to the enactment of legislation long sought by the Intelligence Community.

Sincerely,



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